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SUMMARY: 55 MEMBER CHINESE FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION LED BY CHINA-JAPAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION (CJFA) PRESIDENT LIAO CHENG- CHIH BEGAN MONTH LONG VISIT TO JAPAN APRIL 16. WHILE OFFICIALLY WILLING MEET WITH LIAO, GOJ OFFICIALS HAVE NOT REPT NOT PUBLICLY QTE WELCOMED UNQTE DELEGATION. PRIVATELY, GOJ OFFICIALS PREDICT THAT DELEGATION WILL CAUSE TROUBLE FOR GOVERNMENT BY HARPING ON ANTI- SOVIET THEMES AND BY COMMENTING UPON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS. COMPOSITION SUGGESTS THAT DELEGATION MAY ALSO MAKE APPEALS FOR UNIFICATION OF TAIWAN AND MAINLAND. END SUMMARY

1. LONG HERALDED 55 MEMBER CHINESE FRIENDSHIP DELEGATION LED BY CJFA PRESIDENT LIAO CHENG- CHIH ARRIVE IN JAPAN APRIL 16. DURING MONTH LONG VISIT, SCHOLARS, WRITERS, SCIENTISTS, ACTORS, MODEL WORKERS, WOMEN AND YOUTH ACTIVISTS IN DELEGATION, MANY OF WHOM ARE WELL KNOWN IN JAPAN, WILL TRAVEL THROUGHOUT COUNTRY AND GENERATE FLOOD OF MEDIA REPORTING FAVORABLE TO PRC. FOR EXAMPLE, ALL BUT ONE OF MAJOR
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TOKYO PAPERS CARRIED EDITORIALS APRIL 16 QTE WELCOMING UNQTE DELEGATION.

2. GOJ IS SOMEWHAT AT LOSS AS TO HOW TO THREAT LIAO CHENG- CHIH AND HIS DELEGATION. WHILE LIAO IS ADVISOR TO CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND AFTER CHOU EN- LAI PROBABLY MOST INFLUENTIAL ARCHITECT OF PRC' S POLICY TOWARD JAPAN, LIAO IS VISITING JAPAN IN PRIVATE CAPACITY AT INVITATION OF LIAISON COUNCIL FOR PROMOTION OF JAPAN- CHINA FRIENDSHIP, AN UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION EMCOMPASSING WIDE VARIETY OF ANTI- LDP GROUPS IN JAPAN. OFFICIAL GOJ ATTITUDE IS TO NOTE THAT DELEGATION IS ON PRIVATE VISIT BUT TO EXPRESS ITS WILLINGNESS MEET WITH LIAO. CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY NIKAIDO WAS AMONGST THOSE GREETING DELEGATION UPON ITS ARRIVAL. DELEGATION WILL MEET WITH PRIMIN TANAKA AND FONMIN OHIRA AT OUTSET OF VISIT. HOWEVER, GOJ HAS NOT RPT NOT ISSUED USUAL OFFICIAL QTE WELCOME UNQTE TO DELEGATION. PRIVATELY, GOJ OFFICIALS ARE ANNOYED THAT, EVEN AFTER NORMALIZATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, SENIOR PRC OFFICIALS CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH JAPAN THROUGH PRIVATE CONTACTS WITH OPPOSITION GROUPS RATHER THAN THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. FONOFF CHINA DIV OFFICIALS EXPECT THAT DELEGATION WILL CAUSE GOVERNMENT PROBLEMS BY HARPING ON ANTI- SOVIET THEMES AND COMMENTING UPON POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ASPECTS OF BILATERAL AVIATION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

3. NOTING THAT LARGE PORTION OF DELEGATION WILL SPEND SEVERAL WEEKS TOURING HOKKAIDO, SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KOVALENKO SAID DELEGATION WILL CERTAINLY ENCOURAGE JAPANESE DEMAND FOR RETURN OF NORTHERN TERRITORIES. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE CHINESE WILL WANT TO DISCOURAGE JAPANESE COOPERATION IN SIBERIAN DEVELOPMENT AND SOME FORESEE PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS OF OPPOSITION TO TYUMEN AND OTHER PROJECTS SUCH AS LIAO EXPRESSED IN MARCH INTERVIEW WITH YOMIURI SHIMBUN DELEGATION THEN VISITING CHINA (TOKYO 3222).

4. OPION IN JAPAN IS DIVIDED ON WHAT POSITION GOJ SHOULD TAKE IN AVIATION NEGOTIATIONS WITH PRC ON ISSUE OF AIR ROUTES BETWEEN TAIWAN AND JAPAN. FONOFF OFFICIALS FEAR THAT DELEGATION MAY ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE JAPANESE ATTITUDES OR THAT JAPANESE PROPONENTS OF ONE OR ANOTHER SOLUTION MAY USE DELEGATION' S PRESENCE TO PUSH THEIR OWN VIEWS. EITHER OF THESE
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POSSIBILITIES WOULD COMPLICATE GOJ' S HANDLING OF THIS

SENSITIVE ISSUE.

5. FACT THAT LIAO MADE IMPORTANT SPEECH ON FEB 28 APPEALING FOR UNIFICATION OF TAIWAN WITH MAINLAND CHINA RAISES POSSIBILITY THAT VISIT MAY BECOME SIGNIFICANT VEHICLE FOR PRC'S EFFORTS PROMOTE QTE UNIFICATION UNQTE THEME. IN THIS RESPECT, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DELEGATION INCLUDES SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE QTE DEMOCRATIC ELEMENTS UNQTE IN PRC WHICH MIGHT READILY BE USED IN PROPAGANDA APPEALS TO LEADERS ON TAIWAN. THESE INCLUDE, AMONGST OTHERS CHU TU- MAN, A VICE CHAIRMAN OF DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE AND MEMBER OF NATIONAL COMMITTEE OF CHINESE PEOPLES POLITICAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (CPPCC), HUA LUO- KENG, A CAMBRIDGE EDUCATED MATHEMATICIAN WHO ACHIEVED PROMINENT POSITION ON MAINLAND FOLLOWING HIS DECISION IN 1950 TO RETURN FROM US AND WORK FOR FATHERLAND, AND JUNG I- JEN, AN IMPORTANT CAPITALIST ENTREPRENEUR WHO REPORTEDLY CONTINUES TODAY TO RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR ENTERPRISES NATIONALIZED FOLLOWING COMMUNIST TAKE- OVER. IN THIS CONTEXT IT IS INTERESTING THAT CPPC VICE CHAIRMAN, FU TSO- I, WHO JOINED LIAO ON FEB 28 IN APPEALS TO TAIWAN, WAS A JSGST THOSE WHO SAW DELEGATION OFF ON ITS DEPARTURE FROM PEKING. THERE HAS ALSO BEEN SPECULATION THAT DELEGATION MAY ATTEMPT CLANDESTINE CONTACTS WITH JCP. SPECULATION HAS CENTERED ON INCLUSION IN MISSION OF CHANG HSIANG- SHAN, WHO IS THE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN CCP CENTRAL COMMITTEE'S INTERNATIONAL LIAISON DEPARTMENT WHO IS MOST FREQUENTLY IDENTIFIED WITH JAPANESE AFFAIRS.

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